(c) what are the precise major changes contemplated to be brought in the rent control laws; and

(d) what is Government's information or assessment above the extent of dwelling units kept vacant or held beyond reasonable requirements by the house-owner but for fear of usurption and exploitation by the lessees under the present law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Rent control is a State subject and the State Govts. are free to enact their respective rent control legislation. However, with a view to providing uniformity of legislation, throughout the country, a Model Rent Control Legislation was framed by the Central Government and forwarded to the State Govts. It is for the State Govts. to adopt the Model Legislation or amend their existing laws on the lines of the Model Law with such modifications, as may be necessary, to suit local situations.

The amendments to the Delhi Rent Control Act on the lines of Model Legislation have been finalised. The proposed legislation can be introduced in Parliament only after the constitution Amendment Bill providing for establishment of Rent Tribunals is enacted.

(d) No specific survey has been conducted regarding dwelling units lying vacant on account of the rent control law.

Renovation work in Vigyan Bhavan

1194. SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date when Government started work regarding the renovation of Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi;

(b) what was the budget estimate approved and by when the renovation work was started;

(c) what were its budget estimates during the years 1991, 1992 & in 1993;

(d) when the Vigyan Bhavan was built and what is the amount so far incurred and likely to be incurred during the current year, i.e. upto the completion of the renovation of Vigyan Bhavan; and

(e) by when the conference hall is likely to be brought to use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The estimate was approved for Rs. 24.79 crores and renovation work was stated in January, 1992;

(c) The budget estimates during 3 years is as under:—

1991-92 . . .	Rs. 1.00 crore
1992-93 . . .	Rs. 15.00 crores
1993-94 . . .	Rs. 9.80 crores (as on date)

(d) Vigyan Bhavan was built in the year 1956. Rs. 24.71 crores spent upto 30-11-93.

Rs. 2.27 crores is likely to be spent during the balance period of the financial year 1993-94. However, cost on entire renovation work is likely to be Rs. 27.25 crores.

(e) Renovation work of Vigyan Bhavan has been completeed. All the conference halls are now ready for use.

Delhi Ridge

1195. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any measures to save fast disappearing Delhi Ridge; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?